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Title : HEAD PERFORMANCE BASED NANO-
MACHINING PROCESS CONTROL FOR STRIPE
FORMING OF ADVANCED SLIDERS

Group Art Unit: 3747

Examiner: C. S. Miller

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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on October 21, 2003.

Two patently distinct species of the claimed invention were identified as being figures 3 and 6, respectively. With this Response, Applicant elects the species of the claimed invention illustrated in Figure 3. The claims which read on the species illustrated in Figure 3 are claims 1-3, 5-8, and 10-18. As stated by the Examiner, claims 1, 7, and 13 are generic. In addition, the Applicant asserts that claims 5-6, 12, and 14-15 are also generic.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0982.

Respectfully submitted,

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